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**Instructions:** Complete the following for all permit applications. If additional space is needed to respond to a question, attach additional pages. Provide descriptions below that explain the program activities that you expect to develop and implement to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) general permit (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/nps/stormwater/muni.htm>). Section 3 of the MS4 general permit contains the compliance schedules that direct when the individual program activities need to be developed and submitted to the Department for review. The detailed programs that are developed and submitted to the Department for review may deviate from the program activities described below if necessary. The descriptions provided below are necessary for the Department to verify that the municipality's program activities comply with the permit.

**Section I: Applicant Information**

Name of Municipality

Town of Cottage Grove

Mailing Address

4058 HWY N

City

Cottage Grove

State

WI

Postal Code

53527

County(s) in which Applicant is located

DANE

Type of Municipality: (check one)

☐ County

☐ City

☐ Village

☒ Town

☐ Other (specify)

**Section II: Local Contact Information (check one):**

Name of Municipal Contact Person

Jeff Smith

Title

HWY. Supt.

Mailing Address

4058 HWY N

City

Cottage Grove

State

WI

Postal Code

53527

E-mail address

Telephone Number (include area code)

608 839-4767

Fax Number (include area code)

608 839-4432

**Section III: Water Quality Concerns**

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does any part of the MS4 discharge to an outstanding resource water (ORW) or exceptional resource water (ERW) listed under s. NR 102.10 or 102.11, Wis. Adm. Code? (An unofficial list of ORWs and ERWs may be found on the Department's Internet site at: <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/">http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/</a> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does any part of the MS4 discharge to an impaired waterbody listed in accordance with section 303(d)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC § 1313(d)(1)(C)? (A list of Wisconsin impaired waterbodies may be found on the Department's Internet site at: <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/303d.html">http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/303d.html</a> )

**Section IV: Area and Population Within the MS4**

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the MS4 within an "Urbanized Area" as defined by U.S. EPA? (See <a href="http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/fact2-2.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/fact2-2.pdf</a> )

If no, skip the rest of this section and continue to Section V. If yes, estimate the area served by and the population within the MS4 in an Urbanized Area (UA).

(Urbanized Area maps are available on the EPA web site at: <http://cfpub1.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/urbanmaps.cfm>)

Total municipal area (in square miles):

36 square miles

Total municipal population (in year 2000):

3,984

MS4 service area within Urbanized Area (in square miles):

2.6 square miles

Municipal population within Urbanized Area (in year 2000):

850 Approx.

**Section V: Potential Permit Exemption**

Yes	No	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Section NR 216.023, Wis. Adm. Code, allows certain MS4s that have less than 1000 people residing in an urbanized area to be waived from having to obtain municipal storm water permit coverage.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you believe that the MS4 may be eligible for this potential exemption?

## Summary of Current Municipal Storm Water Program Activities

Please describe, in the space provided below or as an attachment, the programs or activities your municipality is currently undertaking that can be used toward complying with the proposed MS4 general permit requirements included in Addendum 1 (Proposed MS4 General Permit Requirements).

A.

**Public Education and Outreach:** Describe existing programs or activities in your municipality that can be used to comply with this proposed requirement.

Town is within Dane County and residents are subjected to the Dane County Information/Education efforts (radio, newspaper inserts, outreach events, storm drain stenciling.) The Town has an annual report in which stormwater articles could be inserted. In addition, an article could be placed in the Community Herald (local newspaper) regarding storm water pollution. A fact sheet could also be developed and sent to Town residents within the urbanized area.

Do you believe that your current programs and activities fully satisfy the public education and outreach requirements? (YES) or NO

B.

**Public Involvement and Participation:** Describe existing programs or activities in your municipality that can be used to comply with this proposed requirement.

Town has annual meetings which comply with all public notice requirements to notify Town residents including postings on the Town Bulletin Board. These annual meetings will serve as a mechanism to inform and involve the public in the stormwater permit. The annual report, local newspaper and fact sheet (described in Public Education section above) could all be used to involve the public. The Town is also a member of the Dane County Towns Association (DCTA). The DCTA could use their newsletter to involve the public.

Do you believe that your current programs and activities fully satisfy the public involvement and participation requirements? (YES) or NO

C.

**Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination:** Describe existing programs or activities in your municipality that can be used to comply with this proposed requirement.

All stormwater discharge is into open-channel ditches within urbanized areas of Town. No visible dry-weather discharges have ever been observed in these ditches which indicate a potential illicit connection. Since the land use of the entire urbanized area is residential, the only potential illicit connection could be septic tank overflow caused by faulty septic tanks. Septic tank overflows are prevented by septic tank inspections every third year as required under COMM 83.

Do you believe that your current programs and activities fully satisfy the illicit discharge detection and elimination requirements? (YES) or NO

D. **Construction Site Pollution Control:** Describe existing programs or activities in your municipality that can be used to comply with this proposed requirement.

Town is within Dane County and all developing areas must meet the requirements of the Dane County Erosion Control ordinance. The Dane County ordinance is as restrictive as NR 151.11 in that the erosion control practices must remove 80% of the Total Suspended Solids (TSS) on an average annual basis. Dane County Land Conservation Department enforces the ordinance in all un-incorporated areas of the County including the Town. All construction site discharges through grassed swales prior to discharge to state water bodies.

Do you believe that your current programs and activities fully satisfy the construction site pollution control requirements? (YES) or NO

E. **Post-Construction Site Storm Water Management:** Describe existing programs or activities in your municipality that can be used to comply with this proposed requirement.

Town is within Dane County and all developing areas must meet the post-construction stormwater control requirements of the Dane County Stormwater Ordinance. This ordinance is as restrictive as the requirements of NR 151.12 containing water quantity, water quality and infiltration requirements. The ordinance also contains site planning procedures, source and regional best management practices requirements and procedures for long-term inspection and maintenance of best management practices. All residential developments discharge stormwater through grassed swales which act to remove pollutants prior to discharge to state water bodies. Town has one stormwater detention basin. Town has put in a new infiltration trench for the new Buckley Ridge residential subdivision. Almost all houses have disconnected downspouts which flow into an unpaved area before leaving the site. In addition, almost all subdivisions flow through marshy areas before discharge to waters of the state.

Do you believe that your current programs and activities fully satisfy the post-construction site pollution control requirements? (YES) or NO

F. **Pollution Prevention:** Describe existing programs or activities in your municipality that can be used to comply with this proposed requirement.

Town has an ordinance to control pet waste within public right-of-way (Town Ordinance #20.01 n). The Annual Town Report is also used to educate people to keep waste inside and not dump. Town also has an ordinance on junk accumulation on private property which prohibits the accumulation of junk (appliances, farm machinery and old vehicles). Town public nuisance ordinance also controls the discharge of materials considered a public nuisance. Town is part of Dane County Clean Sweep program which accepts hazardous waste. Town offers guidance on the proper use of lawn fertilizer. Lawn fertilizer is rarely used on many lawns due to large lot size. Town has a local "Adopt-a-Road" program in which trash and other debris is removed from roadside ditches on a semi-annual basis. Detention basins and infiltration trench will be inspected annually. Ice control operations are part of snowplowing policy which limits salt use to no more than absolutely necessary.

Do you believe that your current programs and activities fully satisfy the pollution prevention requirements? (YES) or NO

**Section VI: Summary of Municipal Storm Water Program Activities**

Describe the programs or activities the municipality is doing or will do to comply with the requirements of the MS4 general permit. Attach additional pages if necessary.

**A. Public Education and Outreach**

Describe the public education and outreach program activities that the municipality will implement to comply with section 2.1 of the MS4 general permit.

See Attachment

**B. Public Involvement and Participation**

Describe the public involvement and participation program activities that the municipality will promote to comply with section 2.2 of the MS4 general permit.

**C. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination**

Describe the illicit discharge detection and elimination program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.3 of the MS4 general permit.

**D. Construction Site Pollution Control**

Describe the construction site pollutant control program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.4 of the MS4 general permit.

**E. Post-Construction Site Storm Water Management**

Describe the post-construction storm water management program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.5 of the MS4 general permit.

**F. Pollution Prevention**

Describe the pollution prevention program activities that the municipality will implement to comply with section 2.6 of the MS4 general permit.

**Section VII: Certification**

I hereby certify that I am an authorized representative of the municipality that is the subject of this application for general permit coverage, and that the information provided is true and complete, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Wisconsin law provides severe penalties for submitting false information.

Authorized Representative Name <i>Jeff Smith</i>	Title <i>HWY. Supt.</i>
Signature <i>Jeff Smith</i>	Date Signed
E-mail address	Telephone Number (include area code) <i>608 839-4767</i>
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